TOWN OF ARRIBA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING Monday, April 12, 2021 Arriba Town Hall, 711 Front Street, Arriba, CO 80804

<u>Call to Order</u> Mayor Alex Flores called the meeting to order at 6:00. Trustees in attendance included Troy McCue, Marie Daniel, Kayle Amen, Bob Rush, Carolyn Steinsiek, and Marilyn Lightsey.

Employees in attendance included Josie Hart and Mike Becker.

Public Audience included: Rachel Smith, Austin McCue.

Rachel Smith gave an update on the Lincoln Community Hospital.

Austin McCue requested permission to again keep his 4H bovine at his house in town for the summer. The Board agreed this was fine.

<u>Approval of Agenda</u> Trustee McCue moved to approve the Agenda as written. Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

<u>Approval of Minutes</u> Trustee McCue moved to approve the minutes from the March 8 regular meeting as written. Trustee Rush seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Account Receivable and Payable

Clerk Hart noted the deposit of the final CVRF funds.

Trustee McCue moved to approve the Receivables and Payables for March. Trustee Rush seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills

Clerk Hart noted the bi-annual drinking water loan payment.

Trustee Steinsiek moved to approve the April bills for payment. Trustee Lightsey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

<u>Wastewater Repairs</u> Clerk Hart said that Element Engineering had gotten quotes for mechanical bar screens. The screens cost anywhere from \$65,000 to \$76,000. The Town will need to get a permit from the State for around \$3000, and Element's fees will be around \$25,000. The Town could apply for a 50% grant from DOLA- the deadline is August.

There was discussion about finding a used mechanical bar screen and if the State would approve of that. The Board agreed that the process needed to be started on this. Clerk Hart said she would search for a used bar screen and talk to Element about used equipment.

Equipment Rent Rates Clerk Hart said the equipment hourly rent rates right now are as

follows:

Backhoe \$75 dump truck \$65 maintainer \$100 mowing services \$25 labor \$50

Equipment is only run by employees, labor fee is added to equipment rate.

Trustee Rush moved to change the rates to:

Backhoe \$200 dump truck \$100 maintainer \$200 mowing services \$25 labor \$50

Trustee McCue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Trustee McCue moved to enter executive session to discuss a theft issue.

Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board went into executive session at 6:32.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:48.

Mayor Flores stated that it has come to the Board's attention that Kelby Vick has been taking water that does not belong to him, he's getting water from hydrants that do not belong to him. Vick has been complaining about his sewer line being plugged but has not paid his sewer bill since August of 2019. Mayor Flores recommended the Town cap off Vick's sewer and make sure there's no way for him to turn on his water. The Board agreed. Becker said that Vick's water is turned off at the curb and he does not have a meter.

Clerk Hart said she would look into what the Town's sewer ordinance says about disconnecting sewer lines for non-payment while the home is still occupied.

<u>Maintenance Report</u> Mike Becker said the water line leak near the state shed is fixed. Becker said the park really needs some attention. Clerk Hart said that the Heartland 4H group has plans to rake and clean up the park as a community service. Mayor Flores said that if they do the Town will provide drinks and snacks.

There was discussion on getting a well put in at the wastewater plant. There was discussion on getting a better trailer for hauling water. Mayor Flores told Becker to get prices for a trailer. There was discussion on getting the town's lines south of I-70 mapped for locating purposes. The Board agreed that this wasn't necessary at this time.

<u>Clerks Report</u> Clerk Hart reported that the Easter egg hunt went very well. Brent Welding donated \$75 for the prize baskets.

Clerk Hart said that Ephron Brent is planning on moving a house onto the lots west of Prosper's bunk house.

Clerk Hart said she had been asked if the Town would be promoting a community garage sale this year. The Board agreed that if residents wanted to plan a community garage sale day they could and the Town would advertise.

The Board reviewed past due accounts.

Treasurers Report Looked good.

<u>Trustees Report</u> Trustee Lightsey said Trustee Amen is going to help her replace the dirt in the community garden as she believes someone contaminated the dirt last year. There was discussion about getting lights to put around the garden to help prevent vandalism.

LCEDC Report Trustee McCue's written report is attached to these minutes.

Mayors Report Mayor Flores had nothing to report.

<u>Adjournment</u> Trustee Steinsiek moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 7:29pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk

Signed by:

Mayor Alex Flores

Approved by the Board on: 5/10/2021

Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation Director's Report

Monday, April 12, 2021

- -Ongoing projects include:
- 1. Windmill Ridge Post Frame Buildings is our latest start-up business in Limon.
- 2. <u>Denver Cutlery, Inc.</u> continues to make progress on the former ALCO building. Employee housing planned for just west of the main facility, fiber internet arrangements being made for "smart" manufacturing machinery to communicate between Denver and Limon.
- 3. <u>Wausau Supply</u> is staying active and has responded to assistance for accessing new job creation incentive benefits secured back in 2018 for the new company establishment. Will appear in 4/21 filming of local Lincoln County promotional feature.
- 4. <u>Housing Development efforts</u> are continuing, being pushed by Don Schofield of Rocky Mountain Opportunity, LLC. Don, his brother James, and representatives from Tricor will appear on the panel for annual meeting on 5/4.
- 5. <u>Kaiser Premier</u> completed their assessment and came back with some impressive savings that could be seen if they become a <u>User in the Foreign Trade Zone</u>. Process and review of Notice of Production has returned to a more normal pace.
- 6. We have installed 3 out of 4 panels for the <u>Eastern Trails Depot sign heritage project</u>. We are still working on the Hugo graphic for the 4th panel. <u>CCC Camp Sign</u> on the Coulson Walking Trail behind the Genoa-Hugo High School has been replaced.
- 7. <u>Roundhouse restoration:</u> Made a recent introduction of RPI to Senator Hickenlooper's office, looking for shovel-ready projects, saw their submission of plans, but have heard nothing further. Electrical bid is going out in advertisement by the commissioners.
- 8. We continue to stay connected to progress being made on the <u>Arriba Wind Farm</u>. We are expecting the final announcement and definition of the upcoming construction timeline. Understand that the General Contractor role is out for bid, and Vestas is likely equipment vendor.
- Bethel Community Center is complete, and seeking a little more funding for a new entryway. Provided letter of support for continued funding there. They are participating in RPD event.
- 10. We continue our participation in <u>Hugo's Main Street Program</u>. Attended quarterly meeting on 4/8 and will participate in future economic study, helping promote upcoming events in Hugo.
- 12. <u>SBDC Consulting:</u> Raejean and I continue with Child Care, Connect to DOT, MBO consulting, and regular PDC impact. Pushing out new PPP program for area qualifying businesses, and Raejean is filling in for Yuma County consulting needs, accessing outside funding for our operation for those hours.
- 13. Rural Philanthropy Days will be June 9-11, 2021. There will be a 1-day virtual portion followed by a 1 ½ day in-person portion. Day 2 is in Hugo and Day 3 will be group tour to Karval.
- 14. CO-PACE is promoting their energy efficiency and green energy improvement program online for the following dates: 4/22, 5/25 & 6/16 9 to 11 a.m. each day